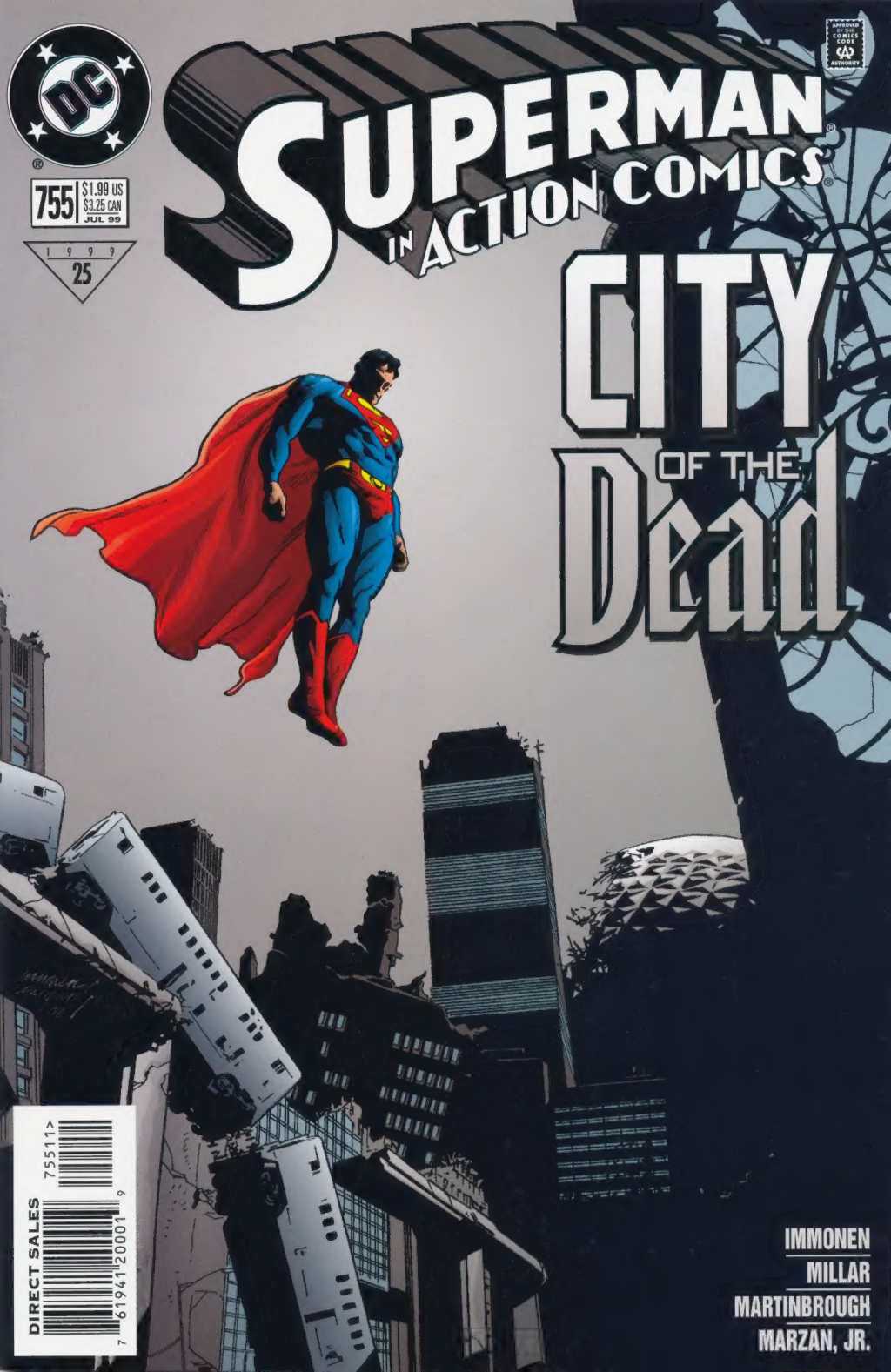
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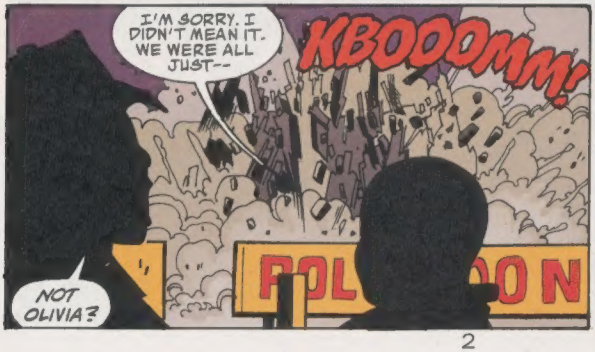
HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME IN THERE? YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED ANYMORE, MISS. I'M HERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU NOW...
B-BUT I CAN'T SEE A THING SINCE THE CEILING FELL DOWN. IT'S SO DARK IN HERE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.
I'M HAVING TROUBLE SEEING YOU, TOO, SWEETHEART. AN OLD BUILDING LIKE THIS HAS A LOT OF LEAD IN IT, EVEN IN LAYERS OF PAINT, BUT I'LL FIND YOU SO LONG AS YOU KEEP TALKING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?
WELL, MY MOM ALWAYS TOLD ME IT WAS POLITE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF WHEN YOU MEET PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST TIME, SO MAYBE YOU COULD START BY TELLING ME YOUR NAME.
MY NAME'S OLIVIA. WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU SOME KIND OF FIREMAN OR DO YOU LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, TOO?
KRENK!
NO, I'M JUST A MAN WHO HELPS PEOPLE IN TROUBLE.
AIEEEEEEEGH!

SIXTY SECONDS EARLIER.
OLIVIA?! OH LORD, HAS ANYONE SEEN MY LITTLE GIRL?
I TOLD HER TO PLAY IN THE STREET WHERE I COULD SEE HER, BUT SHE AND HER FRIENDS KEEP SNEAKING INTO THESE CRUMBLING, OLD...
HEY, POLICE LINE, LADY! WHAT'S UP? DON'T YOU WATCH TV?

OFFICER, I THINK MY SIX-YEAR-OLD MIGHT BE TRAPPED INSIDE THAT BUILDING! YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME THROUGH SO I CAN FIND HER!
MA'AM, PROFESSIONAL RESCUE WORKERS HAVE ALREADY CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH AND, BELIEVE ME...
THEY'RE WRONG, MAN. OLIVIA'S INSIDE.

WE WERE PLAYING DOWN IN THE BOILER ROOM, THEN THERE WAS THIS HISSING SOUND AND THE WHOLE PLACE BLEW UP! THE REST OF US GOT OUT IN TIME, BUT I DUNNO WHAT HAPPENED TO OLIVIA!
TRAVIS! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER HER...!


I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT. WE WERE ALL JUST--
KBOOOMM!
NOT OLIVIA?

OLIVIA!!

NECROPOLIS
MY NAME'S SUPERMAN AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU, OLIVIA.
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ANY VOLUNTEERS TO GIVE THIS LITTLE GIRL A HUG?
MISTER, YOU JUST MADE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS BEING THE BEST AND WORST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO ME.
THANKS A MILLION, SUPERMAN. I JUST WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO TO PAY YOU BACK.
BELIEVE ME, MA'AM, JUST SEEING YOU TWO TOGETHER AGAIN IS--
LET ME THROUGH! WHAT THE BLAZES IS GOING ON HERE?!
WHO DID THIS TO MY BUILDING? SUPERMAN, IF YOU HIT SOMEBODY THROUGH ONE OF MY WALLS, I SWEAR I'LL SUE THE PANTS OFF YOU!
MR. DAMON, I WAS INSIDE THAT BUILDING JUST A MOMENT AGO AND IT COLLAPSED DUE TO STRUCTURAL INSTABILITY.
YOUR SEEDY LITTLE ENTERPRISE HERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED YEARS AGO.
IT'S A VACANT BUILDING, YOU MORON. ANYONE WHO GETS HURT NEVER HAD MY PERMISSION TO BE THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I SAW OLD MATTRESSES AND FOOD IN SOME OF THOSE APARTMENTS, SIR. PERHAPS THESE GOOD PEOPLE WOULD TELL A DIFFERENT STORY IF WE ASKED THEM ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS PRACTICES.

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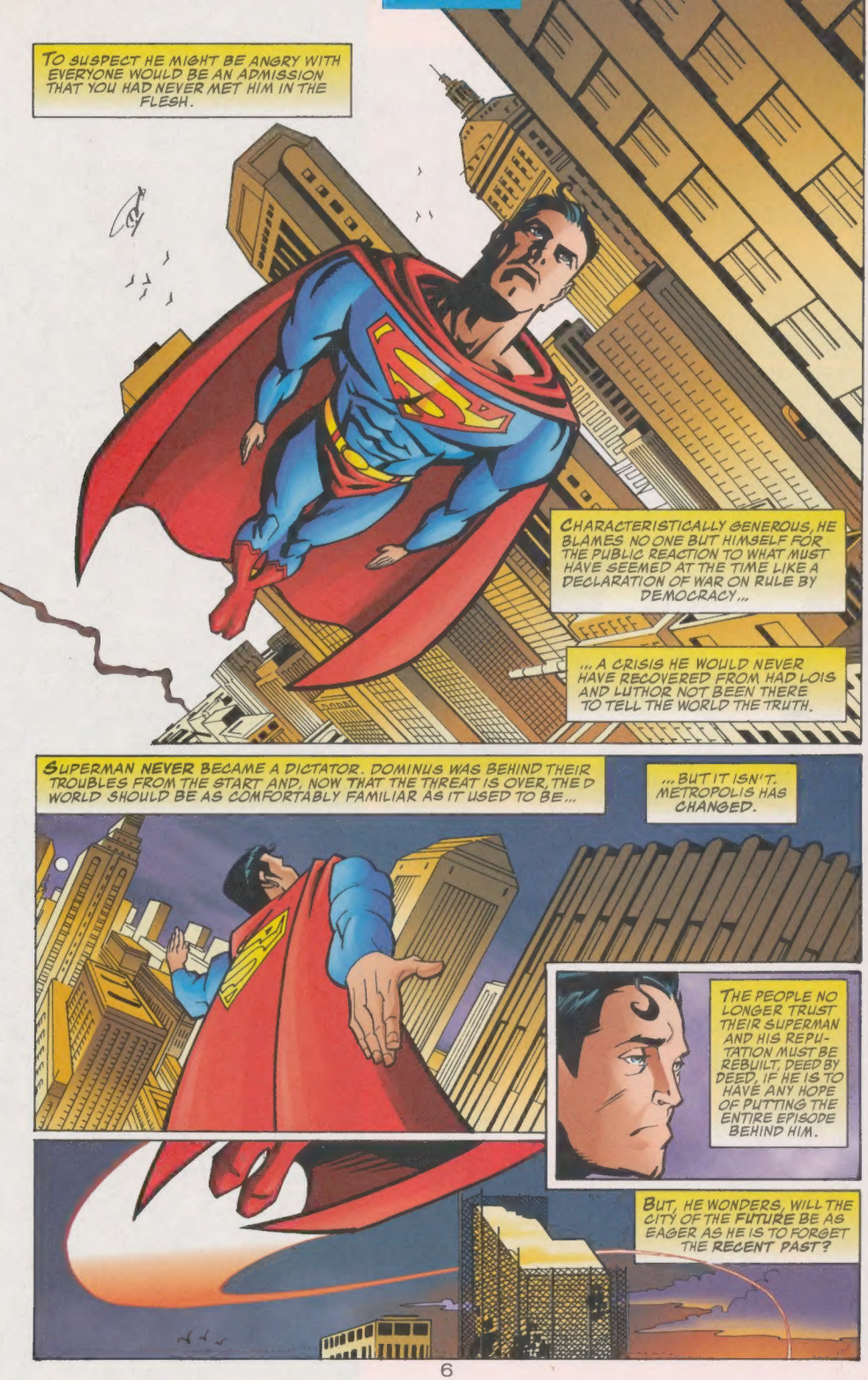
I DON'T THINK I LIKE YOUR IMPLICATION, SUPERMAN.
FRANKLY, I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE WHO PREY ON THE WEAK.
OH, SURE... EXCEPT WHEN YOU'RE PULLING ON YOUR JACK-BOOTS AND TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, RIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG, BOY SCOUT? DID I STUMBLE ON THE ONE WEAPON THAT DOESN'T BOUNCE OFF THAT GREAT BIG CHEST?
DOES THE TRUTH STING MORE THAN KRYPTONITE THESE DAYS?
OLIVIA, ARE YOU OKAY, SWEETHEART?
I'M FINE, SUPERMAN.
THEN I GUESS I'VE DONE ALL I CAN DO HERE.


TO SUSPECT HE MIGHT BE ANGRY WITH EVERYONE WOULD BE AN ADMISSION THAT YOU HAD NEVER MET HIM IN THE FLESH.
CHARACTERISTICALLY GENEROUS, HE BLAMES NO ONE BUT HIMSELF FOR THE PUBLIC REACTION TO WHAT MUST HAVE SEEMED AT THE TIME LIKE A DECLARATION OF WAR ON RULE BY DEMOCRACY...
...A CRISIS HE WOULD NEVER HAVE RECOVERED FROM HAD LOIS AND LUTHOR NOT BEEN THERE TO TELL THE WORLD THE TRUTH.
SUPERMAN NEVER BECAME A DICTATOR. DOMINUS WAS BEHIND THEIR TROUBLES FROM THE START AND, NOW THAT THE THREAT IS OVER, THE D WORLD SHOULD BE AS COMFORTABLY FAMILIAR AS IT USED TO BE...
...BUT IT ISN'T. METROPOLIS HAS CHANGED.
THE PEOPLE NO LONGER TRUST THEIR SUPERMAN AND HIS REPUTATION MUST BE REBUILT, DEED BY DEED, IF HE IS TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF PUTTING THE ENTIRE EPISODE BEHIND HIM.
BUT, HE WONDERS, WILL THE CITY OF THE FUTURE BE AS EAGER AS HE IS TO FORGET THE RECENT PAST?

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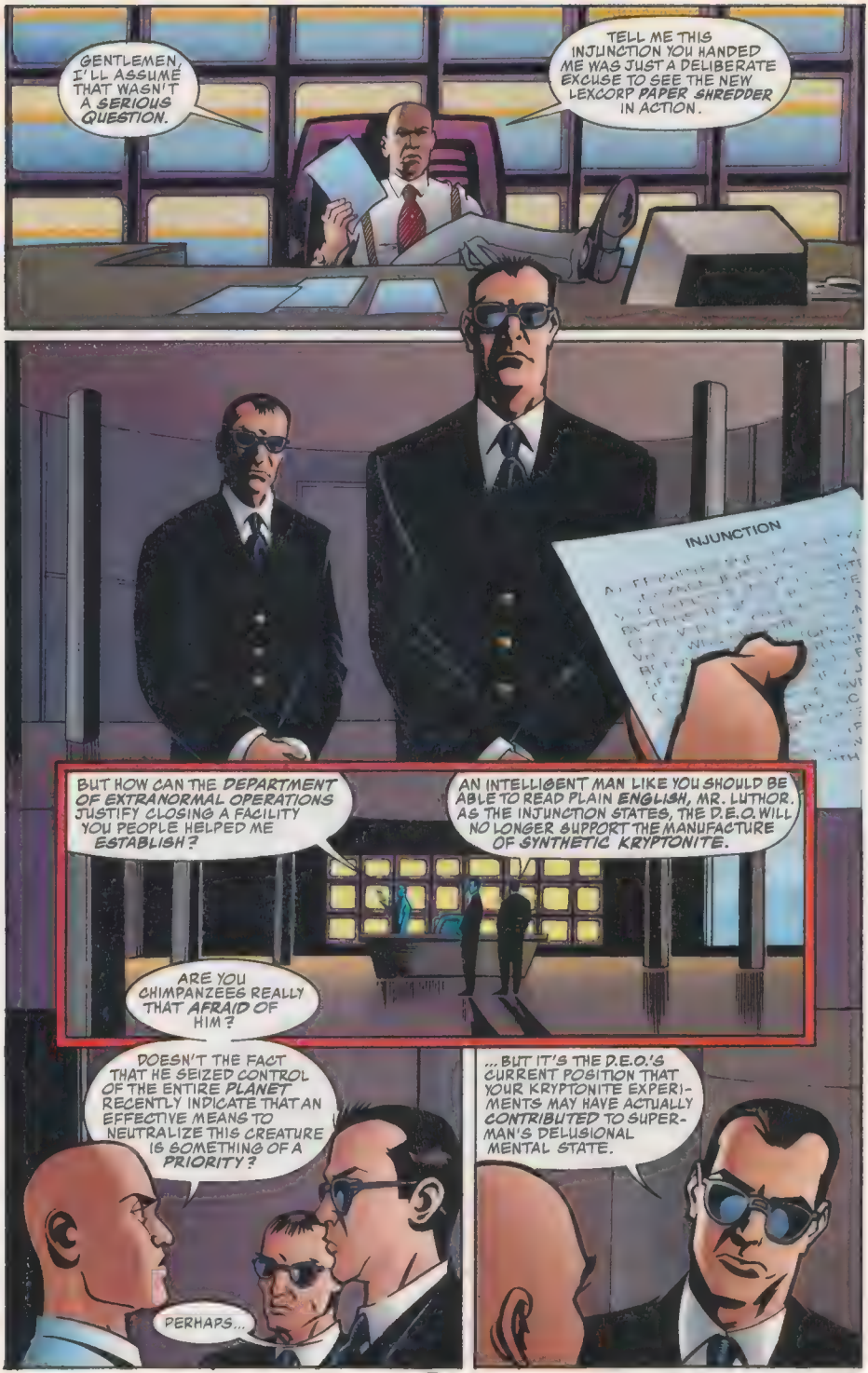
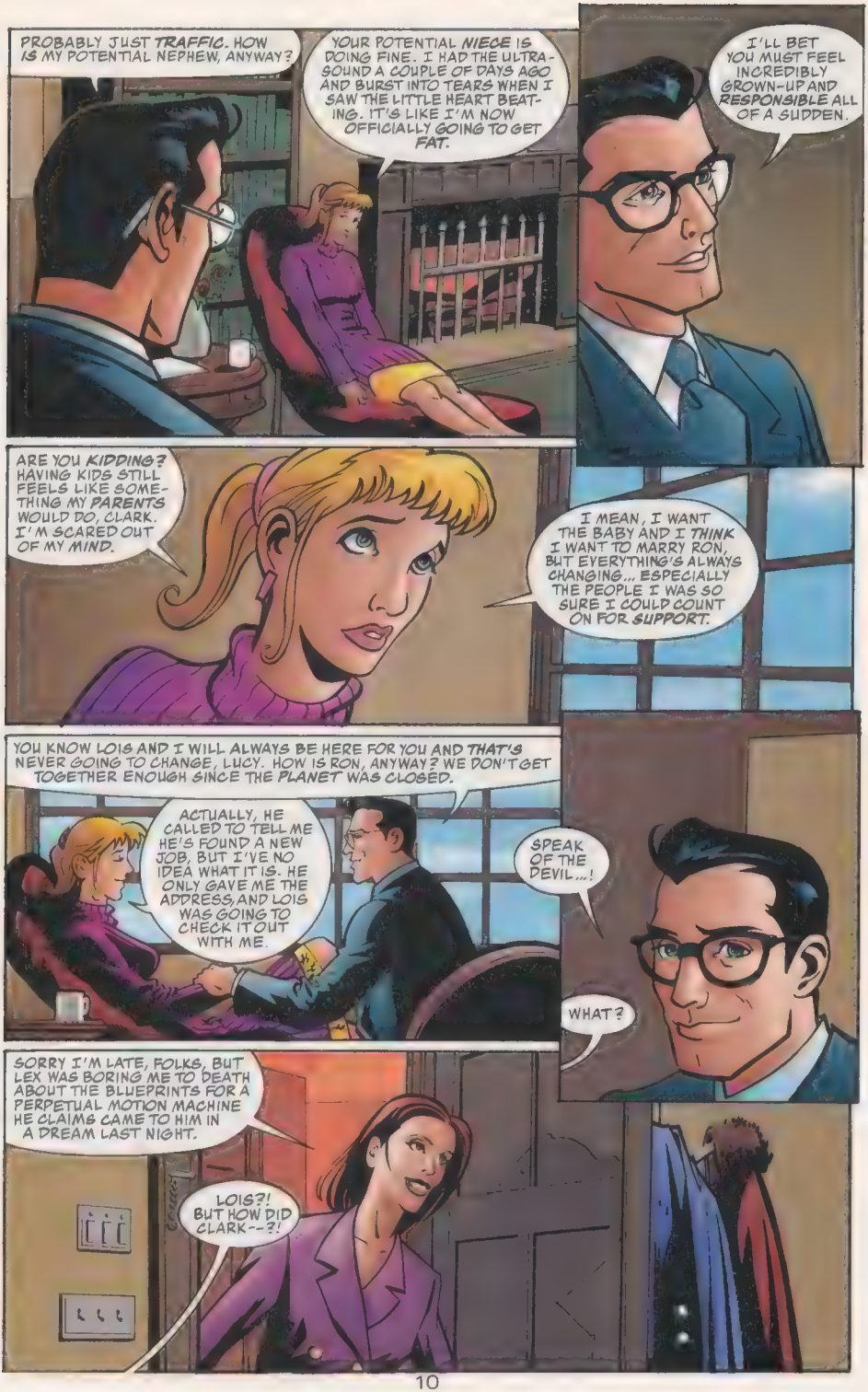

GENTLEMEN, I'LL ASSUME THAT WASN'T A SERIOUS QUESTION.
TELL ME THIS INJUNCTION YOU HANDED ME WAS JUST A DELIBERATE EXCUSE TO SEE THE NEW LEXCORP PAPER SHREDDER IN ACTION.
INJUNCTION
BUT HOW CAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRANORMAL OPERATIONS JUSTIFY CLOSING A FACILITY YOU PEOPLE HELPED ME ESTABLISH?
AN INTELLIGENT MAN LIKE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ PLAIN ENGLISH, MR. LUTHOR. AS THE INJUNCTION STATES, THE D.E.O. WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT THE MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC KRYPTONITE.
ARE YOU CHIMPANZEES REALLY THAT AFRAID OF HIM?
DOESN'T THE FACT THAT HE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE PLANET RECENTLY INDICATE THAT AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO NEUTRALIZE THIS CREATURE IS SOMETHING OF A PRIORITY?
PERHAPS...
...BUT IT'S THE D.E.O.'S CURRENT POSITION THAT YOUR KRYPTONITE EXPERIMENTS MAY HAVE ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTED TO SUPERMAN'S DELUSIONAL MENTAL STATE.

EMPIRICALLY IMPOSSIBLE, AS I'LL PROVE IF YOU'D CARE TO...
THE SUBJECT IS CLOSED, MR. LUTHOR. AS FAR AS WE UNDERSTAND, INTERFERENCE FROM DOMINUS MEANS THAT YOUR EXPERIMENTS WILL NO LONGER EVEN YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS.
OPERATION: GREENLIGHT HAS BEEN ABANDONED AND ANY ATTEMPT TO REOPEN THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. I'M AFRAID NOTHING MORE REMAINS TO BE SAID, SIR.
OH, REALLY? WHAT ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOUR SPEECH PATTERN TELLS ME YOU HAD A VIOLENT FATHER? THAT YOUR AWKWARD WALK BETRAYS THE FACT YOU WET THE BED UNTIL AGE FOURTEEN?
AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARTNER, AGENT PECK? DID YOU REALIZE HE'S BEEN OBSESSED WITH HATRED FOR YOU SINCE THE ACADEMY?
DID YOU REALIZE THE SAME COULD BE SAID ABOUT YOU AND YOUR OBSESSION WITH SUPERMAN?
WHAT?
GET OUT!
GET OUT OF MY OFFICE BEFORE I HAVE YOUR CAREER DESTROYED!

LUCY LANE LOVES HER SISTER MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, BUT SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT WHEN LOIS DOES EVERYTHING RIGHT AND SHE DOES EVERYTHING WRONG.
HER PARENTS WANTED HER TO BE AS FUNNY AS LOIS. HER TEACHERS WANTED HER TO BE AS SMART AS LOIS...
IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST LUCY LANE DOESN'T KNOW HER SISTER IS MARRIED TO SUPERMAN.
LUCY?! WHAT A NICE SURPRISE...
HUH?
CLARK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS, BUT I THINK I JUST CAUGHT SUPERMAN STARING IN YOUR WINDOW.
OH, YOU GET USED TO IT. WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE?
UH-UH. CAFFEINE'S OFF THE MENU UNLESS I WANT THE BABY SKATEBOARDING OUT OF HERE SIX WEEKS EARLY.
BUT LISTEN, HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING LOIS? SHE GAVE ME A KEY AND SAID I HAD TO MEET HER HERE AN HOUR AGO.


PROBABLY JUST TRAFFIC. HOW IS MY POTENTIAL NEPHEW, ANYWAY?
YOUR POTENTIAL NIECE IS DOING FINE. I HAD THE ULTRASOUND A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO AND BURST INTO TEARS WHEN I SAW THE LITTLE HEART BEATING. IT'S LIKE I'M NOW OFFICIALLY GOING TO GET FAT.
I'LL BET YOU MUST FEEL INCREDIBLY GROWN-UP AND RESPONSIBLE ALL OF A SUDDEN.
ARE YOU KIDDING? HAVING KIDS STILL FEELS LIKE SOMETHING MY PARENTS WOULD DO, CLARK. I'M SCARED OUT OF MY MIND.
I MEAN, I WANT THE BABY AND I THINK I WANT TO MARRY RON, BUT EVERYTHING'S ALWAYS CHANGING... ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE I WAS SO SURE I COULD COUNT ON FOR SUPPORT.
YOU KNOW LOIS AND I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU AND THAT'S NEVER GOING TO CHANGE, LUCY. HOW IS RON, ANYWAY? WE DON'T GET TOGETHER ENOUGH SINCE THE PLANET WAS CLOSED.
ACTUALLY, HE CALLED TO TELL ME HE'S FOUND A NEW JOB, BUT I'VE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS. HE ONLY GAVE ME THE ADDRESS, AND LOIS WAS GOING TO CHECK IT OUT WITH ME.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...!
WHAT?
SORRY I'M LATE, FOLKS, BUT LEX WAS BORING ME TO DEATH ABOUT THE BLUEPRINTS FOR A PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE HE CLAIMS CAME TO HIM IN A DREAM LAST NIGHT.
LOIS?! BUT HOW DID CLARK--?!

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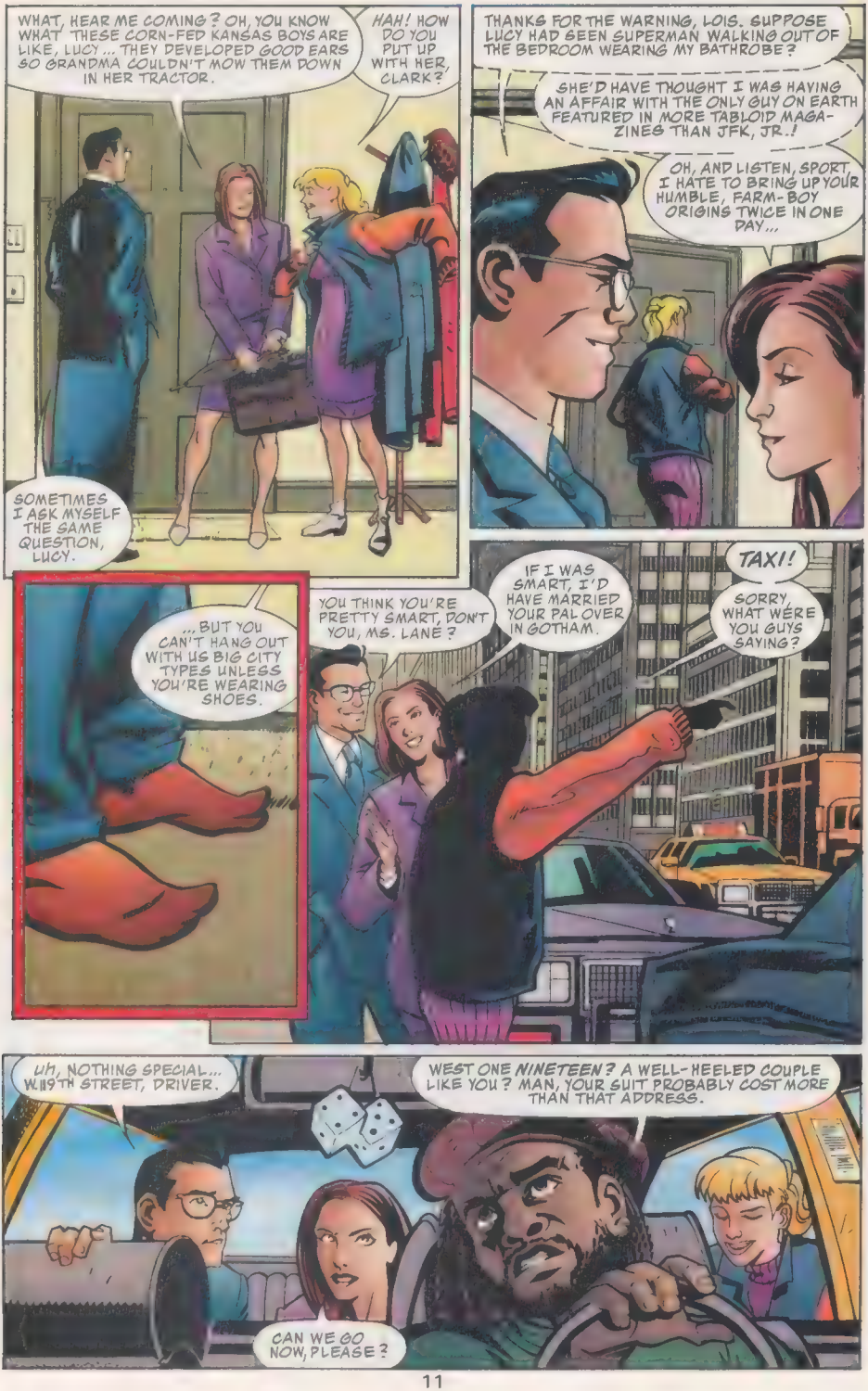
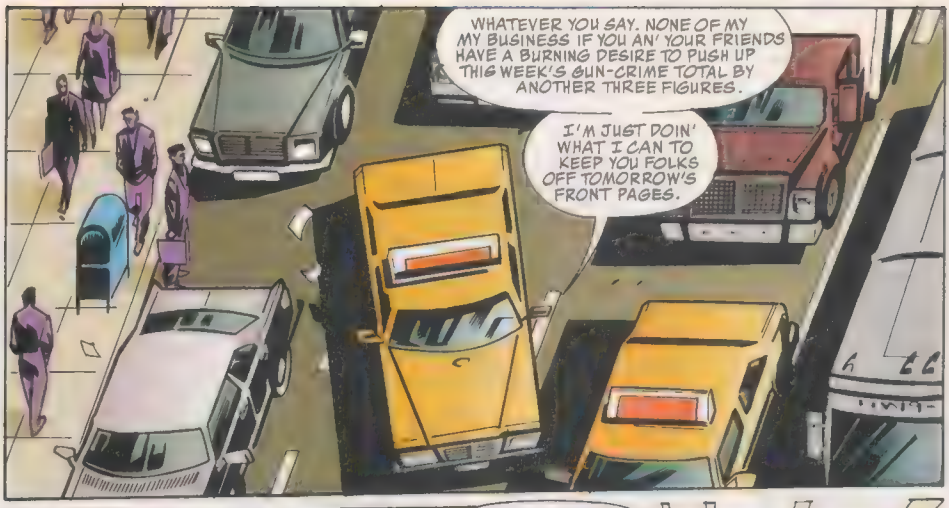
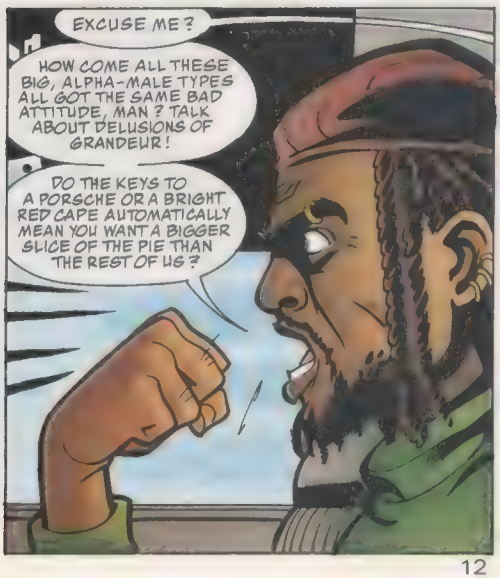

WHAT, HEAR ME COMING? OH, YOU KNOW WHAT THESE CORN-FED KANSAS BOYS ARE LIKE, LUCY... THEY DEVELOPED GOOD EARS SO GRANDMA COULDN'T MOW THEM DOWN IN HER TRACTOR.
HAH! HOW DO YOU PUT UP WITH HER, CLARK?
SOMETIMES I ASK MYSELF THE SAME QUESTION, LUCY.
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, LOIS. SUPPOSE LUCY HAD SEEN SUPERMAN WALKING OUT OF THE BEDROOM WEARING MY BATHROBE?
SHE'D HAVE THOUGHT I WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH THE ONLY GUY ON EARTH FEATURED IN MORE TABLOID MAGAZINES THAN JFK, JR.!
OH, AND LISTEN, SPORT, I HATE TO BRING UP YOUR HUMBLE, FARM-BOY ORIGINS TWICE IN ONE DAY...
...BUT YOU CAN'T HANG OUT WITH US BIG CITY TYPES UNLESS YOU'RE WEARING SHOES.
YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, DON'T YOU, MS. LANE?
IF I WAS SMART, I'D HAVE MARRIED YOUR PAL OVER IN GOTHAM.
TAXI!
SORRY, WHAT WERE YOU GUYS SAYING?
UH, NOTHING SPECIAL... W.119TH STREET, DRIVER.
WEST ONE NINETEEN? A WELL-HEELED COUPLE LIKE YOU? MAN, YOUR SUIT PROBABLY COST MORE THAN THAT ADDRESS.
CAN WE GO NOW, PLEASE?


WHATEVER YOU SAY. NONE OF MY MY BUSINESS IF YOU AN' YOUR FRIENDS HAVE A BURNING DESIRE TO PUSH UP THIS WEEK'S GUN-CRIME TOTAL BY ANOTHER THREE FIGURES.
I'M JUST DOIN' WHAT I CAN TO KEEP YOU FOLKS OFF TOMORROW'S FRONT PAGES.

ACTUALLY, MY HUSBAND AND I USED TO BE REPORTERS FOR THE DAILY PLANET. WE'RE PRETTY COMFORTABLE ON PAGE ONE.
YEAH? WELL, I GOT A STORY FOR YOU, ACE REPORTER: CAB DRIVER MACHINE-GUNS PORSCHE 'CUZ IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH UP MY REAR-END TO SEE WHAT I HAD FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.
SON OF A--!
THAT #%*$ THINK HE'S SUPERMAN OR SOMETHIN'...?


EXCUSE ME?
HOW COME ALL THESE BIG, ALPHA-MALE TYPES ALL GOT THE SAME BAD ATTITUDE, MAN? TALK ABOUT DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR!
DO THE KEYS TO A PORSCHE OR A BRIGHT RED CAPE AUTOMATICALLY MEAN YOU WANT A BIGGER SLICE OF THE PIE THAN THE REST OF US?

MISTER, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT SUPERMAN DID RECENTLY, I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT WAS DOMINUS WHO--
YEAH, YEAH, I HEARD HIS EXCUSES, BUT LET'S FACE IT, LADY: SUPERMAN CARES AS MUCH ABOUT THE LITTLE GUY AS THAT JOKER IN HIS PORSCHE CARES ABOUT ME DRIVING THIS CAB.

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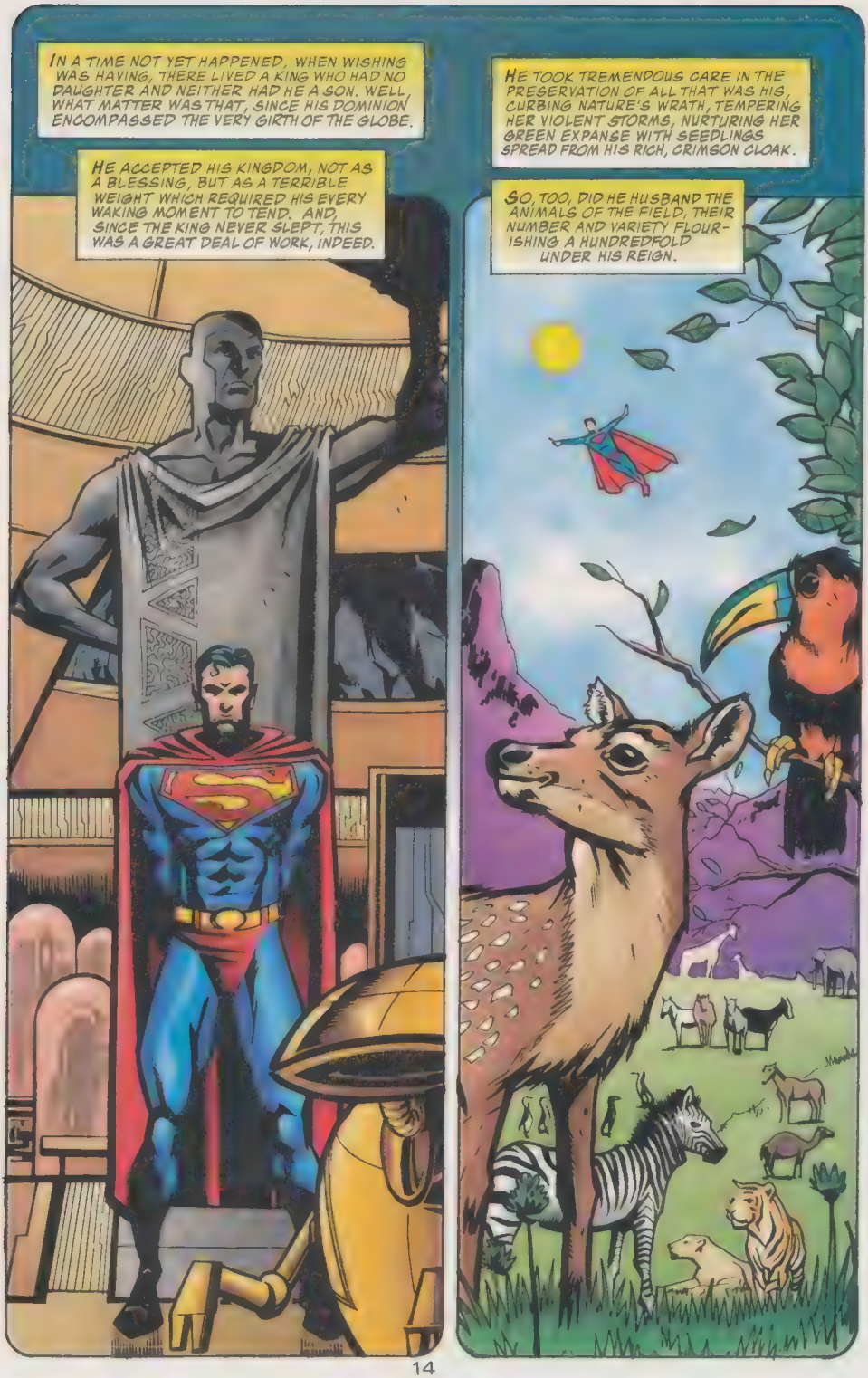
CLARK... LET IT GO.
THAT'S JUST MY POINT: IF SUPERMAN HAD CONSIDERED THE HUMAN PERSPECTIVE FOR EVEN A FRACTION OF A SECOND, HE'D HAVE KNOWN HIS PLAN WOULD LAST ABOUT AS LONG AS CHERRY SODER!
PEOPLE SAY THEY WANT PEACE, BUT WHY DOES THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL RATING RISE EVERY TIME HE DROPS A BOMB, MAN?
I... I CAN'T ANSWER THAT, BUT I REFUSE TO ACCEPT SUPERMAN HAS ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THE OPINION OF ORDINARY PEOPLE. WHY ELSE WOULD HE CARE ABOUT US?
MISTER, IF SUPERMAN HAD THIS PERFECT, DOCTOR LAURA-STYLE INSIGHT, HOW COME HE NEVER GUESSED WE'D FIGHT HIS BEAUTIFUL PLAN FOR THE WORLD 'TIL THERE WASN'T ONE OF US LEFT?
ANSWER THAT ONE, MY FRIEND!
HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF HE HADN'T SNAPPED OUT OF HIS TRANCE? FORGET DOOMSDAY OR BRAINIAC OR WHATEVER WORLD-THREATENING EVENT HE'S FIGHTING.
SUPERMAN IS THE ONE WHO GIVES ME NIGHTMARES NOW...


In a time not yet happened, when wishing was having, there lived a king who had no daughter and neither had he a son. Well, what matter was that, since his dominion encompassed the very girth of the globe.
He accepted his kingdom, not as a blessing, but as a terrible weight which required his every waking moment to tend. And, since the king never slept, this was a great deal of work, indeed.
He took tremendous care in the preservation of all that was his, curbing nature's wrath, tempering her violent storms, nurturing her green expanse with seedlings spread from his rich, crimson cloak.
So, too, did he husband the animals of the field, their number and variety flourishing a hundredfold under his reign.

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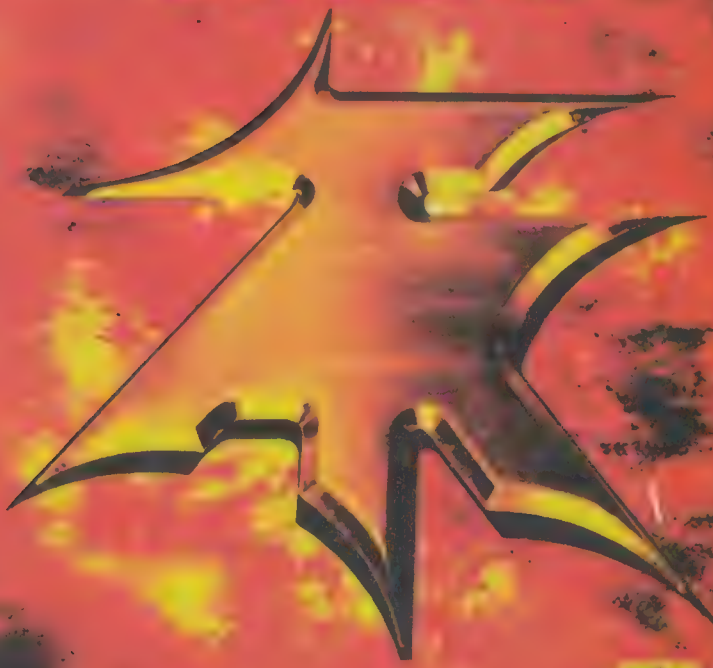

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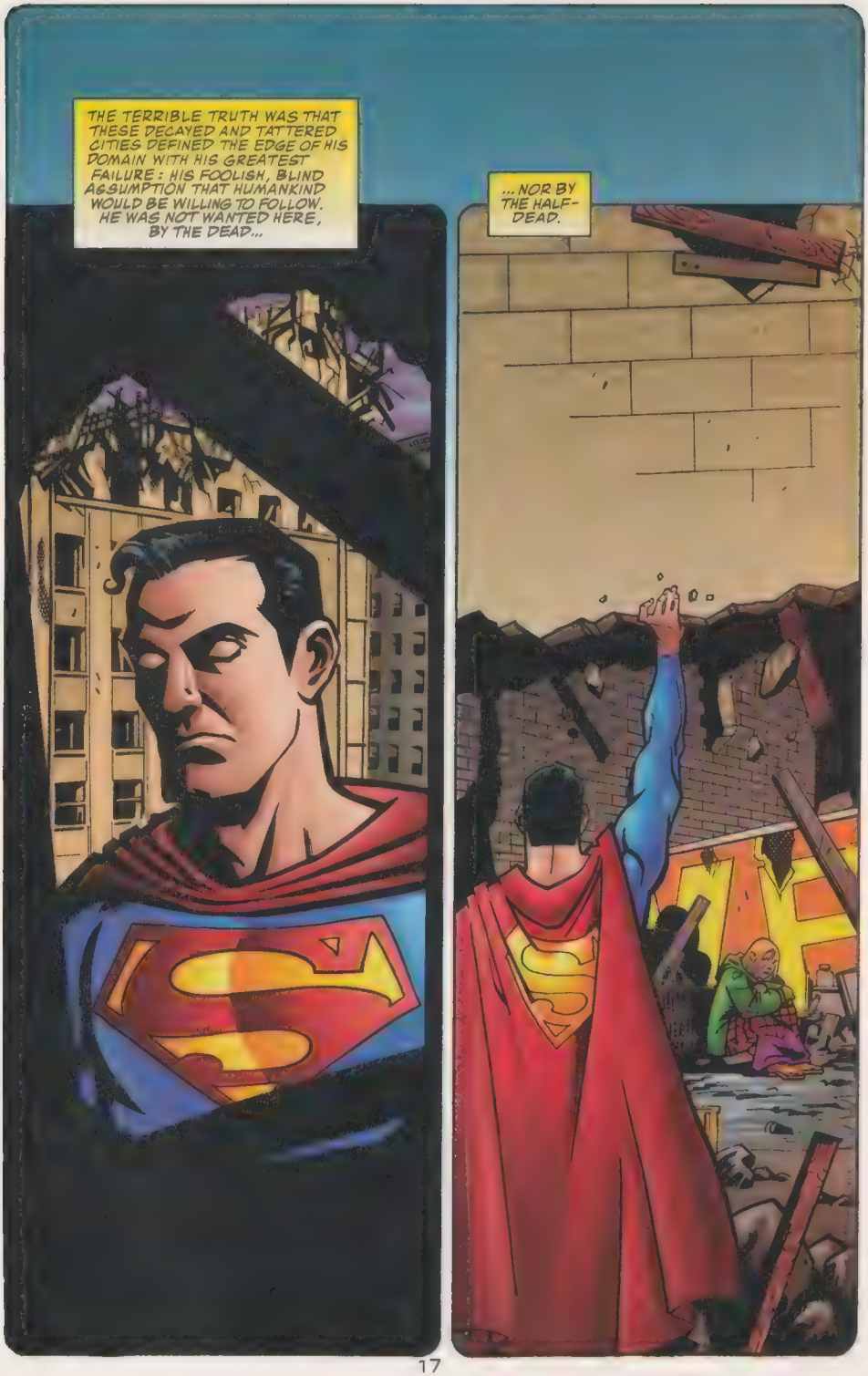
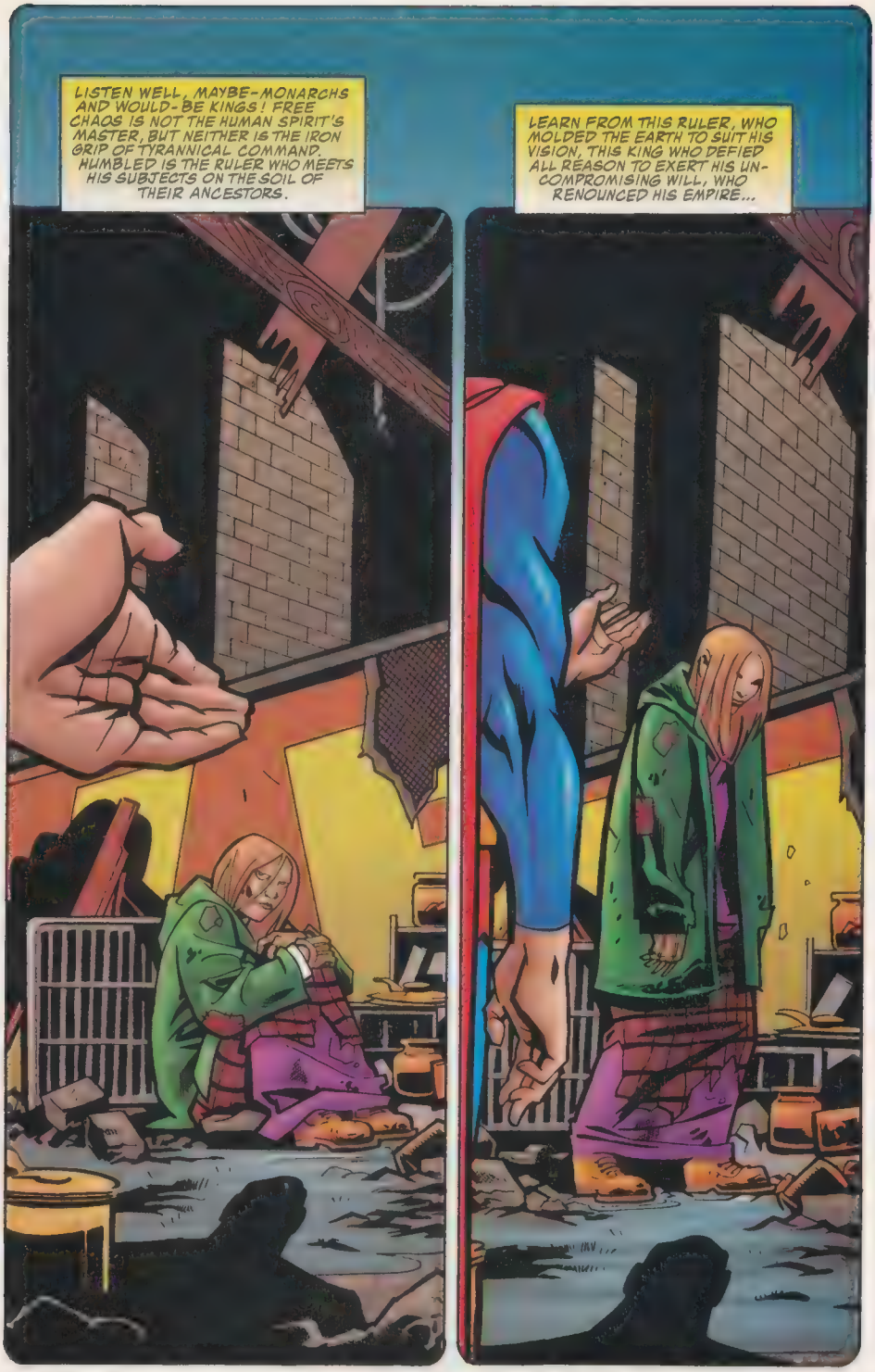
DAILY, HE ALTERED THE VISAGE OF MOUNTAINS AND CHANGED THE COURSE OF MIGHTY RIVERS, ALL IN THE SERVICE OF HIS VAST REALM.
AND YET, A REALM WITHOUT BORDERS, A KINGDOM WITHOUT SUBJECTS IS HARDLY AN ACCOMPLISHMENT TO BOAST OF.
THE KING KNEW WELL THE LIE HE HAD CREATED AND, LEST HE FORGET, HIS FORMIDABLE TASKS OFT INCLUDED A VENTURE TO THE CITY OF THE DEAD WHERE HE ONCE LOVED AND LAUGHED.
THE NECROPOLIS.

BUT THIS WAS NOT THE ONLY BLEMISH MARRING THE PERFECTION HE DESIRED. ACROSS THE GLOBE, THE SKELETONS OF HUMAN CITIES LAY, CHARRED AND BARREN. HE COULD HAVE MOVED THE EARTH HERE TOO, TILLED THE SOIL AND MADE IT FERTILE, IF ONLY HE HAD WILLED IT.
INSTEAD, THE CITIES REMAINED, AS THEY WERE HUNDREDS OF YEARS PAST. HE TOLD HIMSELF IT WAS OUT OF RESPECT FOR FRIENDS LONG GONE, A MONUMENT TO THE DEAD WHERE THE LAST BATTLES HAD BEEN FOUGHT.
THIS, TOO, WAS A DECEIT.


THE TERRIBLE TRUTH WAS THAT THESE DECAYED AND TATTERED CITIES DEFINED THE EDGE OF HIS DOMAIN WITH HIS GREATEST FAILURE: HIS FOOLISH, BLIND ASSUMPTION THAT HUMANKIND WOULD BE WILLING TO FOLLOW. HE WAS NOT WANTED HERE, BY THE DEAD...
...NOR BY THE HALF-DEAD.


LISTEN WELL, MAYBE-MONARCHS AND WOULD-BE KINGS! FREE CHAOS IS NOT THE HUMAN SPIRIT'S MASTER, BUT NEITHER IS THE IRON GRIP OF TYRANNICAL COMMAND. HUMBLED IS THE RULER WHO MEETS HIS SUBJECTS ON THE SOIL OF THEIR ANCESTORS.
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... AND WOULD DO SO AGAIN TOMORROW.

WE'RE HERE, CLARK.
HUH? OH, RIGHT...
LAST CHANCE IF YOU WANT A RIDE BACK UPTOWN.
I'M NOT TRYIN' TO SCARE YOU OR NOTHIN', BUT SOME OF THESE BUMS COULD RIP THE WHEELS OFF YOUR CAR WHILE YOU'RE DOING SIXTY-FIVE ON A FREEWAY... ON MY MOTHER'S GRAVE, MAN.
WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES.
SODA CIGARS CRACKER
7 TEN
CASH
WELL, THIS IS THE ADDRESS. ANYBODY SEE RON?
HEY! WELCOME TO FAIRMONT HOUSE, GUYS! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PLACE? IT'S REALLY SOMETHING, ISN'T IT?
RON, WHAT'S GOING ON?
YEAH. I HATE TO SOUND LIKE THE STEREOTYPICAL REPORTER, BUT WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE DOING HERE?
IT'S FRANKLIN STERN'S BIG IDEA. THIS PLACE WAS JUST A VACANT LOT UNTIL HE BOUGHT IT AFTER THE PLANET FOLDED. HE PETITIONED TO OPEN IT AS A SHELTER AND ASKED IF I WANTED A JOB.
SURE, HONEY. JUST HELP YOURSELF AND TELL YOUR MOM I'LL BRING YOU GUYS SOME HOT COFFEE IN TWO MINUTES.
MY MOM WANTS TO KNOW IF WE CAN HAVE A COUPLE MORE BLANKETS, MR. TROUPE.
A RUN OF BAD LUCK COULD PUT ANY ONE OF US IN THIS SITUATION, LUCY. THESE PEOPLE NEED ASSISTANCE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A HUG AND A LITTLE CONVERSATION, AND I'M EAGER TO HELP.
SAY YOU'RE PROUD OF ME, BABY. I FEEL LIKE I'M DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS.
YOU WANT THE HONEST TRUTH?

I'VE NEVER WANTED TO HAVE YOUR BABY MORE!
CONGRATULATIONS. I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'LL FIND THIS MORE REWARDING THAN COUNTING MONEY BEHIND A BANK DESK.
LET'S HOPE SO, CLARK... LISTEN, I DON'T WANT TO THROW YOU GUYS OUT OR ANYTHING, BUT YOU CAN SEE HOW BUSY IT IS HERE AND I'D PROBABLY BEST BE GETTING BACK TO WORK.
"MIND IF I STICK AROUND TO HELP?" SHE SAYS.
THAT SISTER OF YOURS IS QUITE A GIRL, LOIS... OF COURSE, THAT'S JUST MY OPINION. AND, AS THE CAB DRIVER SAID, SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT ORDINARY PEOPLE.
HE REALLY GOT TO YOU, DIDN'T HE? I COULD TELL BY THE WAY YOU DROPPED YOUR CLARK POSTURE AND WENT ALL QUIET.
DO YOU WANT TO TALK IT OVER?
I'M FINE. HE JUST... MADE ME WONDER ABOUT THE PARAMETERS OF ACCEPTABLE AID. SHOULD I IMPOSE SOME KIND OF LIMIT ON WHAT I DO FOR OTHER PEOPLE? IF SO, WHERE DO I DRAW THE LINE?
IT'S HARD TO IGNORE A CRY FOR HELP WHEN YOU CAN HEAR THE SOUND A FLEA MAKES WHEN IT LANDS ON A DOG.
I HAD THE STRANGEST DREAM WHEN I DRIFTED OFF BACK THERE, LOIS. I DREAMT THAT I'D SUCKED THE LIFE OUT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD...
ARE PEOPLE RIGHT?
AM I SOME KIND OF INTERFERING--
OLIVIA!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU ABOUT LEAVING YOUR THINGS CLUTTERING UP THE SIDEWALK. THAT MAN COULD HAVE BROKEN HIS NECK.
SORRY, MISTER. DO YOU KNOW WHO I MET TODAY? SUPERMAN... HE SAVED ME WHEN A BUILDING FELL ON TOP OF ME.
HE SAVED YOU, HUH?
LISTEN, DO YOU TWO HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO TONIGHT?
NOT ANYMORE. THAT'S THE PLACE THAT FELL ON ME.
WE'LL BE BACK ON OUR FEET AGAIN SOON, MISTER. I'VE GOT A CHECK COMING SOON, BUT IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US OUT IN THE MEANTIME?
WELL, I'D LIKE TO, MA'AM. THE HONEST TRUTH IS THERE'S NOTHING I'D RATHER DO...
...BUT A FRIEND OF MINE DOES A BETTER JOB THAN I CAN.
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT FAIRMONT HOUSE? MY WIFE AND I WERE JUST ON OUR WAY TO VOLUNTEER...
NEXT WEEK IN MAN OF STEEL #90:
A GIRL AND HER ROBOT!

Dear Re:Action (re ACTION COMICS #749):

Since GREEN LANTERN is one of my favorite reads each month, I've been anticipating Ron Marz's take on Superman since I first heard of it. After reading the first issue of this Kandor tale in ACTION #749, I think that I'm really going to enjoy the rest of the story. I didn't find the banter between Scorn and the rest of the cast to be at all annoying, but I'm hoping that he has to stay in Kandor in order to keep the peace. Ashbury could be like his queen or something. I think that would be a nice way to wrap up their tale, although I'm sure Dirk Armstrong would say otherwise.

ACTION COMICS #749 was a good start to this arc, and I hope the other installments maintain the same high quality that has always been present in Ron's work on GREEN LANTERN but not so clear in the Superman books over the past three years.

ROBB DUNHAM
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We hope you found the rest of the Kandor storyline up to your expectations, Robb, cuz we were so thrilled with it we asked Ron to come in and give us another story arc, which he agreed to. Joining Ron once again is Tom Grindberg, as well as LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES and HOURMAN scribe Tom Peyer, who's adding some ideas to the already-exciting storyline. It'll be out real soon—keep an eye on our Coming Attractions box for announcements!

Dear Editors:

Now that ONE MILLION is over with and we're getting "back to normal" in Metropolis, is there *any* way you can top the stories of the past three years?! And by the by, anyone else notice that the Prankster, used in the Dominus storyline, was the only Golden Age foe *not* in evidence during the real polyesteryears? I only realized it myself as I was logging my collection into a computer file. Of course, the great and powerful Powers-That-Be knew it (y'all probably got together in the Big Belly Burger joint down the street to plan the whole thing).

Anyway, back to matters at hand—I'm finding it difficult to keep interest in the current storyline, what with all of these side trips and all, but what is the fate of my favorite newspaper? Will I get a refund on my subscription? And is it safe to talk about Lex Luthor if I don't have a LexCorp computer? I will be following these fast-breaking developments as they occur, and if this sees print, Superman fans anywhere are urged to contact me at Cargobee@aol.com to trade information on Big Blue! (Boy, do I have a ton of questions!!!)

GARY O'BRIEN
POSTED ON AMERICA ONLINE

You hear the man, gang—contact Gary and share the info! But hey, don't forget about us here at DCOSupMail@aol.com, or for the Superman & Pals Chat Hour every Monday at 8:00 p.m. EST, to get all the skinny right from the source!

Dear DC:

I've always loved Kandor stories, and this latest foray into the bottle city (ACTION #749) is not disappointing so far. Ron Marz has slipped nicely into the Super-writer chair, and Tom Grindberg is really impressing me. He seems to blend the styles of Neal Adams and Gene Colan, creating a very distinctive and classic Superman.

I do have one complaint, though: why did you give away (in the Coming Attractions boxes) that Scorn's father will die? That completely ruined the surprise. I would think you could provide information about upcoming issues without giving away key plot events. It's like a movie trailer telling the entire story—what's the point? Other than this minor trouble, the Superman titles continue to entertain each and every week.

JEFF DYER
DUBUQUE, IOWA

Sorry if the next-issue boxes ruined the surprise for ya, Jeff, but we thought there'd still be room for another surprise in the storyline, which, unfortunately, we guess our next reader had already figured out....

Dear Re:Action (re ACTION COMICS #749):

Hmmm...So just how *did* the Cyborg get into Kandor, anyway?

"What Cyborg?" you say? Well, let's look at the facts:

1) No one knows where the Inventor came from.

2) The Inventor is "a master of all things mechanical," and "has a certain talent with machinery."

3) He doesn't appear to be Tolos (the obvious candidate).

4) He recognizes Superman.

5) He recognizes Ashbury, who had previously shown some mercy to the Cyborg. (Wasn't he last seen trapped in an action figure on her shelf?)

6) He has a serious mad on for Superman and Metropolis.

7) Judging by the *Previews* box, he plans to use one of the Cyborg's favorite tactics: besmirching Superman's reputation.

8) And, oh yeah—he interfaces directly with machines.

So, if the Inventor ain't the Cyborg, you've certainly planted a lot of red herrings. I would prefer to be wrong, because I don't really like the character. After "The Death of Superman," I have found him to be a one-note menace. After he escaped the Source Wall, it seemed you were trying to paint him as a misguided tragic figure. I would have liked the efforts to recreate him in a sympathetic mold, but I just can't quite shake the memory of seven million Coast City residents and the impact they had on Hal Jordan.

So if the Inventor *is* the Cyborg, I hope you can do something new with the character. Better not to bring a character back if you're just going to ring the same bell again.

MARTIN S
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We'd hate to think we've kept ringing the same bell with the Cyborg, Martin, especially because of the impact he's had on Superman, Hal Jordan and all you readers. If there's anything we've tried to keep consistent, though, it's his hatred for Big Blue, which is ultimately always his undoing. We hope you'll have liked the way we handled the character once you've read the rest of the Kandor arc.

Dear Super-Team:

Mixed feelings about ACTION COMICS #749, Part One of Ron Marz's Kandor storyline. I'm not a huge fan of Kandor (pre- or post-CRISIS) or of Scorn, but the actual writing (particularly the dialogue between Clark and Lois) is topnotch. It just seems that we've had quite a few of these "Oh, something that doesn't belong in Metropolis just mysteriously appeared in Metropolis" stories in the Superman books of late.

The characterizations seemed right on, coming from a "non-regular" Superman writer like Marz (who, by the way, can do no wrong over on GREEN LANTERN). I especially liked Clark's discomfort with the disaster movie, and his selection of a decaf cappuccino (how does caffeine affect our hero, exactly—does it have minimal to no effect on his superhuman biology, or does it "hype" him up even more than it would a normal human?). The Kents' discussion of job problems is interesting, although from advance ads, I gather Clark's not

going to be Clark very much longer (and I can't wait to see how Lois explains to everyone that her husband doesn't exist anymore...)

I've heard that a major change in the creative teams is forthcoming, and while I've enjoyed the current crews, it might be nice to get some new blood in to freshen up the storylines a bit. Superman's the archetypal hero; he should be treated with the respect he deserves, and given the adventures and problems his "station" calls for.

Keep up the Truth, Justice and the American Way, and I'll keep flying alongside.

CECIL ADKINS
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Superman's metabolism can handle the caffeine just fine, Cecil, but why put it in your system when you don't need to?

As for changes in our creative winds, we'll have one or two members moving on to new projects in the coming months, while others will join in and contribute ideas to keep the Super-Team's never-ending battle going full tilt. We'll make more announcements as they develop, but in the meantime, Cecil, you're just gonna have to fly around with this month's Baldy award! Just remember—watch your caffeine intake, and fly responsibly!

Dear Re:Action:

I've been reading comics off and on for about twenty years now. Lately, whenever I picked up a Superman comic, I was very disappointed—every issue that I read always had Superman as two and four different people. But with issue #749 of ACTION, I *finally* read a Superman comic with Superman in it. I am a very happy person and will start reading Superman again on a regular basis. The story was great, and I can't wait for the next part. Thanks for a real Superman story.

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Thanks, Ashley. Now that Superman's back to his old self, let's all hope Superman stories with Superman in them become the norm! Better yet, let's hope Clark Kent can also have some semblance of a normal life in those stories as well!

—Mike McAvennie
Lookin' for that Mets-Yankees subway series!

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IN ONE WEEK: Lois Lane's the object of a Superman robot's overprotection in MAN OF STEEL #90, and she can't take it anymore! See her short-circuit in seven days, courtesy of Mark Schultz, Michael Collins and Tom Nguyen!

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IN THREE WEEKS: If you're a metahuman (or just look like one), you can join the Special Crimes Unit in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #569! Of course, having the skill doesn't necessarily mean fitting the bill. Louise Simonson, Tom Morgan and Denis Rodier start recruiting in twenty-one days!

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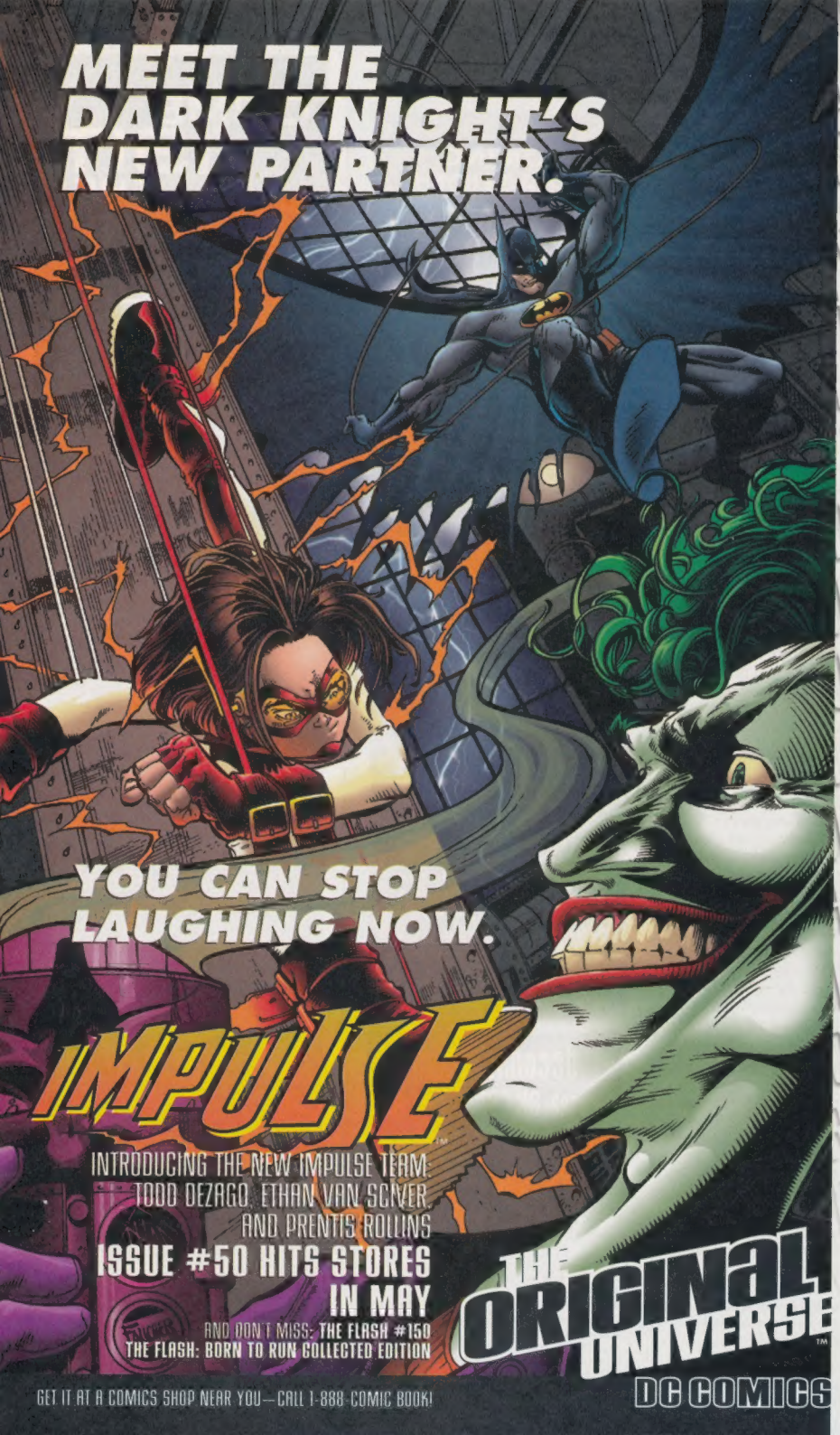
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